AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A POS system that includes ~~including~~ a server (30) and a client (40), having ~~comprising~~ a first master file (21) formed in a relational data based format and used during an online session between the server and the client, and a second master file (41) having a capacity smaller than the first master file, and used during an offline session between the server and the client, the second master file being downloaded from the server to the client at a time when the client starts service.